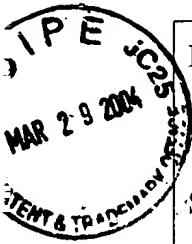
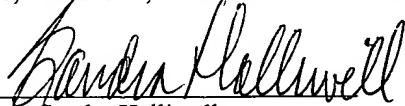


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 24, 2003, Applicant petitions for entry and consideration of the following Remarks and Amendment.

Please direct future correspondence to Customer Number 32986.

Applicant requests that all deficits and credits be referenced to Deposit Account No. 502284 order HALO-P004-US.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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